



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

September 21-25, 2020

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania seeks to be a leader in development of clean energy resources, which decrease air pollution, support good paying jobs, and reduce dependence on foreign fuel imports; and

WHEREAS, clean energy resources are critical to improving air quality in Pennsylvania, protecting the health of residents, and helping to reduce Pennsylvania's carbon footprint and address climate change—the most important environmental threat confronting the world. Pennsylvania's clean energy portfolio includes electricity generated from renewable sources such as wind, solar, and hydroelectric, as well as nuclear, energy conservation and energy efficiency, and energy storage; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a robust clean energy sector that provides tens of thousands of good paying jobs in clean technology and energy efficiency businesses across the state. The number of jobs in the clean energy sector in Pennsylvania grew by over 2 percent last year, with over 86,000 people currently employed in the field; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania requires that 18 percent of all electricity sold in the state come from alternative sources by 2021, including at least 0.5 percent solar photovoltaic power; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has more than 350 megawatts of solar power generation installed at nearly 19,000 homes, farms, and businesses; more than 1,300 megawatts of wind power generation installed on 24 wind farms; more than 890 megawatts of conventional hydropower and 1,500 megawatts of pumped storage hydropower capacity; and more than 10,400 megawatts of generation capacity from five nuclear power plants, ranking second in the nation in electricity generation from nuclear power in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania, through its flagship energy efficiency law, Act 129, has saved over 8.8 million megawatt hours of electricity usage since 2009 resulting in \$6.4 billion in benefits to Pennsylvania electric customers while employing over 65,000 people in the field; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth has taken numerous steps in recent years to demonstrate and encourage energy conservation, sustainability, and the usage of renewable energy including passing new legislation to grow Pennsylvania's solar industry, promote energy efficiency through utility ratemaking, and allow innovative project financing through Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy investments. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchases at least 30 percent of all electricity consumed in state-owned facilities from clean and renewable energy sources, ranking us as the top state for renewable energy purchases in 2018; and

WHEREAS, a cleaner, more resilient, more diverse clean energy grid benefits all Pennsylvania residents by protecting public health and ensuring the availability of low-cost, reliable energy.

THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 21-25, 2020 as CLEAN ENERGY WEEK in Pennsylvania and encourage all Pennsylvanians to support clean, lowest-emitting energy technologies.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this twenty-first day of September two thousand twenty, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-fifth.

Tom Wolf

TOM WOLF
Governor